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## **Governor O'Malley's *Project Sunburst* Puts Solar Energy on 31 State Buildings, Nearly Tripling Solar Energy Produced in Maryland**

**ANNAPOLIS, MD**—Governor Martin O'Malley announced today that the State of Maryland will nearly triple the amount of solar energy produced in Maryland over the next 12 months. Leveraging federal stimulus funds, Project Sunburst will fund solar installations on 31 government buildings. The project, originally unveiled earlier this year, received a tremendous response from state, county and local governments. Administered by the Maryland Energy Administration, Project Sunburst will be able to fund 20 government entities installing major solar arrays on up to 31 buildings that, when completed, will have generating capacity of up to 10 MW. This would nearly triple the amount of solar currently on the grid in Maryland today and will create an estimated 100 new jobs over the course of this year.

"Maryland continues to lead by example through clean energy programs and incentives for all sectors, and Project Sunburst is yet another tangible step towards the realization of our Renewable Portfolio Standard goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2022," remarked Governor Martin O'Malley. "As Maryland's public entities join with us today to go green and reduce government expenses by adding clean energy systems on our public buildings statewide, I want to encourage other Marylanders to also take advantage of clean energy resources available to build a *Smart, Green and Growing Maryland*."

Grants are being awarded to selected government entities at a rate of \$1,000 per kilowatt (kW) on photovoltaic (PV) systems installed on public buildings. Award recipients under Project Sunburst range from public school systems throughout the State, to the Salisbury Fire Station, the City of Baltimore Convention Center, and the Maryland Port Authority Marine Terminal.

"Investing in renewable energy is a triple win for Maryland by creating new green collar jobs, reducing long term electricity bills, and protecting the environment," commented MEA Director Malcolm Woolf. "Through Project Sunburst, we are on track to nearly triple the amount of solar on currently on Maryland's grid. These investments will further spur the emerging solar industry so that the jobs created using federal stimulus funds will continue for years into the future."

\*Selected projects were evaluated based on quality of proposed locations, size, geographic diversity, and ability to successfully execute projects quickly. Interested public entities are encouraged to contact program manager Mike Hartley directly at [mhartley@energy.state.md.us](mailto:mhartley@energy.state.md.us) for additional details.

*Introduced by Governor Martin O'Malley in October 2008, Smart, Green & Growing was created to foster a smarter, greener, more sustainable future for Maryland families. The Initiative is bringing together state agencies, local governments, businesses and citizens to revitalize communities, improve transit, create green jobs, address climate change, conserve energy, preserve land, and restore the Chesapeake Bay.*  
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### Awardees

Name	County	Size (KW)
Maryland Aviation Administration BWI Airport	Anne Arundel	500
Anne Arundel Community College	Anne Arundel	500
Anne Arundel Co Combined Support Svcs Complex	Anne Arundel	500
Department of General Services	Anne Arundel; Balt City; Howard; Cecil	520
MD DOT NW Bus Facility	Baltimore	500
Coppin State University	Baltimore	500
City of Baltimore Convention Center	Baltimore City	500
Maryland Port Authority Marine Terminal	Baltimore City	500
Carroll Community College	Carroll	500
Frederick Co Public Schools	Frederick	500
Garrett Co Public Schools	Garrett	500
Harford Co Public Schools	Harford	452
NMWDA Howard Co Landfill	Howard	462
Howard Community College	Howard	500
NMWDA Montgomery Co Transfer Station	Montgomery	307
UM College Park Comcast Center	Prince George's	630
Prince Georges Co Govt	Prince George's	350
Saint Mary's Co Public Schools	Saint Mary's	497
Talbot County Community Center	Talbot	500
Washington Co Public Schools	Washington	444
City of Salisbury Fire Station	Wicomico	500
<b>Total: 21 Awardees</b>		<b>10.2 MW</b>

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